CLAIMS:

1.   A method using a team of individual raters to generate a decision making model for predicting decisions, the method comprising:

       identifying possible motivations of a decision maker;

       entering a variety of opinions about a strength of such motivations;

       weighting the motivations;

       combining the weights to create a decision making model;

       identifying possible decision outcomes; and

       assessing the possible decision outcomes with respect to the decision making model.

2.   The method of claim 1 and further comprising:

       generating a list of decision options;

       the raters rating the extent to which each of these decision options meets their opinions;

       calculating a suite of statistics for review by the team;

       generating an ordered list of options as a prediction of the most likely outcome of the decision process.

3.   The method of claim 2 wherein differences of opinion on each option provides an index of the uncertainty of the prediction.

4.   The method of claim 3 and further comprising incorporating logistics factors.

5.   A computer implemented method using a team to generate a decision making model for predicting decisions, the method comprising:

       identifying issues likely to be considered in making a decision in a decision domain;

       determining relative importance of the identified issues;

identifying characteristics of issues related to making a decision;

individually rating the degree to which the characteristics are related to making the decision;

determining rankings of individuals and team identified characteristics; and

iteratively adjusting individual ratings based on the rankings to generate the decision making model.

6.   A method of predicting a decision in a decision domain by another party, the method comprising:

recruiting a team of individual raters knowledgeable about the decision domain;

the team listing decision criteria that may be considered by the another party;

listing outcome characteristics;

the team rating the relevance of the outcome characteristics to each decision criteria;

assessing a covariance in ratings using a statistical analysis;

selecting highly rated outcome characteristics for use in a decision model;

generating a list of decision outcomes based on highest rated outcome characteristics;

each team member rating the extent two which each decision outcome addresses the outcome characteristics;

assessing a covariation in judgments using statistical analysis to produce a weighted list of options corresponding to predictions of the decision.

7.   The method of claim 6 and further comprising:

identifying issues likely to be considered in making a decision in a decision domain;

determining relative importance of the identified issues;

identifying characteristics of issues related to making a decision;

individually rating the degree to which the characteristics are related to making the decision;

determining rankings of individuals and team identified characteristics; and

adjusting individual ratings based on the rankings to generate the decision making model.

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8. The method of claim 7 and further comprising:

generating a list of decision options;

the raters rating the extent to which each of these decision options meets the decision criteria;

calculating a suite of statistics for review by the team;

generating an ordered list of options as a prediction of the most likely outcome of the decision process.

9. The method of claim 7 wherein difference in scores of each option provides an index of the uncertainty of the prediction.

10. The method of claim 9 and further comprising incorporating logistics factors.

11. The method of claim 6 and further comprising adjusting individual ratings of outcome characteristics based on the covariation analysis of such outcome characteristics.

12. The method of claim 6 and further comprising adjusting individual ratings of decision options based on the covariation analysis of such decision options.

13. The method of claim 6 and further comprising generating a weighted list of options as a prediction of the decision outcome.

14. A computer assisted method using a team to generate a decision making model for predicting decisions, the method comprising:

identifying issues likely to be considered in making a decision in a decision domain;

determining relative importance of the identified issues;

identifying characteristics of issues related to making a decision;

individually rating the degree to which the characteristics are related to making the decision;

determining rankings of individuals and team identified characteristics; and

iteratively adjusting individual ratings based on the rankings to generate the decision making model.